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OWNER OF MAIN EVENT TICKET SERVICE PLEADS GUILTY TO INCOME TAX FRAUD CHARGES

COLUMBUS, OHIO – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ryan A. Forgacs, 42, of Hilliard, Ohio, pleaded guilty to two counts of willfully filing false federal income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Forgacs faces a maximum of 3 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Troy Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office, announced the guilty plea entered before U.S. Magistrate Judge Norah McCann King.

According to court documents, Ryan Forgacs is the owner and operator of Main Event Ticket Service, a sports and entertainment ticket brokerage located in Columbus, Ohio. Forgacs filed false federal income tax returns with the IRS for the 2009 and 2010 income tax years.

Specifically, for the 2009 income tax year, Forgacs reported net rental income and S Corporation income in the amount of \$67,050, but failed to report additional income from Main Event Ticket Service in the amount of \$57,500.

Specifically, for the 2010 income tax year, Forgacs reported net rental income and S Corporation income in the amount of \$43,480, but failed to report additional income from Main Event Ticket Service in the amount of \$125,025.

The total tax loss in this case is \$44,767, which consists of \$14,521 in tax loss for the 2009 income tax year and \$30,246 in tax loss for the 2010 income tax year.

"Mr. Forgacs' attempt to evade his tax obligations by filing false returns was a theft from the American public. It is a felony offense that carries severe consequences," said Troy Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charges, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah A. Solove and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.